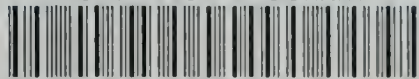


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# Ravalli County

Located in western Montana, Ravalli County is Montana's seventh most populous with 37,304 residents, according to the 2001 estimates produced by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Hamilton, the county seat, was the state's 20th largest city with a population of 3,705 in 2000. According to the 1990 Census, more than 16 percent of workers living in Ravalli County commute to Missoula County to work. The county is home to the Bitterroot Valley, a passageway for the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805. It was also a former home to the Flathead Indians who invited missionaries to build St. Mary's Mission in 1841. Hamilton was settled around 1887 when Marcus Daly, a mining tycoon, established a lumber mill in the area.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1893 and named for Jesuit Missionary Father Anthony Ravalli who located to the region in 1845. Hamilton replaced Stevensville as the county seat in 1898, according to the authors, and most likely is named after early pioneer J. W. Hamilton.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Ravalli County households in 1998 was \$30,003. The county is 2,400.4 square miles in area; 2,394.3 square miles in land area and 6.1 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Western Regional Climate Center*, the average daily low in Hamilton in January between 1971 and 2000 was 16.8 degrees above zero. The average daily high in July was 82.8 degrees above. The annual precipitation during the same period was 13.54 inches. The growing season was from May 23 to Sept. 19 (last and first frost).

## Ravalli County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	2001 Census Estimate	2000 Census	1990 Census	1980 Census	% Change '00 to '01	% Change '90 to '00	% Change '80 to '90
Montana	904,433	902,195	799,065	786,690	0.2%	12.9%	1.6%
Ravalli County	37,304	36,070	25,010	22,493	3.4%	44.2%	11.2%
Darby	NA	710	625	581	NA	13.6%	7.6%
Hamilton	NA	3,705	2,737	2,661	NA	35.4%	2.9%
Pinesdale	NA	742	670	458	NA	10.7%	46.3%
Stevensville	NA	1,553	1,221	1,207	NA	27.2%	1.2%

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

NA = not available

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Fourth Quarter 2001 Unemployment Insurance Information.

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Annual Average Labor Force For Ravalli County				
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Unem- ployment Rate
2001	18,163	17,323	840	4.6%
2000	18,272	17,322	950	5.2%
1999	17,730	16,658	1,072	6.0%
1998	17,073	15,863	1,210	7.1%
1997	16,502	15,449	1,053	6.4%
1996	15,973	15,007	966	6.0%
1995	15,112	14,160	952	6.3%
1994	14,535	13,695	840	5.8%
1993	13,929	12,720	1,209	8.7%
1992	13,232	12,002	1,230	9.3%
1991	12,251	10,923	1,328	10.8%
1990	11,724	10,741	983	8.4%
1989	11,762	10,680	1,082	9.2%
1988	12,690	11,541	1,149	9.1%
1987	11,323	10,286	1,037	9.2%
1986	11,036	9,929	1,107	10.0%
1985	11,048	9,914	1,134	10.3%
1984	10,889	9,744	1,145	10.5%
1983	8,708	7,547	1,161	13.3%
1982	8,800	7,513	1,287	14.6%
1981	8,418	7,480	938	11.1%
1980	7,901	7,087	814	10.3%
1979	7,921	7,317	604	7.6%
1978	7,773	7,117	656	8.4%
1977	7,391	6,671	720	9.7%
1976	6,830	6,162	668	9.8%
1975	6,407	5,738	669	10.4%
1974	6,646	6,150	496	7.5%
1973	6,128	5,747	381	6.2%
1972	5,934	5,544	390	6.6%
1971	5,568	5,188	380	6.8%
1970	5,470	5,101	369	6.7%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (2002 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census=Equal Employment Opportunity Data <i>Civilian Labor Force-All Persons</i>			
Occupation	Total	Male	Female
<i>Total</i>	10,763	6,120	4,643
<i>Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations</i>	2,254	1,157	1,097
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	889	548	341
Professional Specialty Occupations	1,365	609	756
<i>Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations</i>	2,779	953	1,826
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	265	138	127
Sales Occupations	1,170	524	646
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	1,344	291	1,053
<i>Service Occupations</i>	1,524	436	1,088
Private Household Occupations	76	0	76
Protective Service Occupations	132	95	37
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	1,316	341	975
<i>Farming, Forestry, Fishing</i>	1,047	837	210
<i>Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations</i>	1,288	1,182	106
Mechanics and Repairers	411	405	6
Construction Trade	614	567	47
Extractive Occupations	16	16	0
Precision Production Occupations	247	194	53
<i>Operators, Fabricators and Laborers</i>	1,805	1,528	277
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	749	579	170
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	654	592	62
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	402	357	45
<i>Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience</i>	66	27	39

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM).

Resources

⇒ **Chamber of Commerce:**  
Bitterroot Valley Chamber, 105 E. Main, Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-2400

⇒ **Department of Labor and Industry**  
**Bitterroot Job Service Workforce Center**  
333 W. Main St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-1822,  
<http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/local/hamilton/>

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For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>.

⇒ **Housing Costs:**  
Bitterroot Valley Board of Realtors, 206 E. Ravalli, Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-2945

⇒ **Internet:**  
Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/>.  
Cities and towns of Conner, Corvallis, Darby, Florence, Grantsdale, Hamilton, Pinesdale, Stevensville, Sula and Victor Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

⇒ **Montana Motor Vehicle Division:**  
**Drivers' Licensing**  
Stevensville—102 Main St., Suite A, Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-4388

⇒ **Newspapers:**  
*Ravalli Republic*, 232 W. Main St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-3300,  
<http://www.ravallinews.com/>  
*The Bitterroot Star*, 215 Main, Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-3928,  
<http://www.bitterrootstar.com/>

⇒ **Public Libraries:**  
Darby Community Public Library, 102 S. Main St., Darby, MT 59829-0037, 406-821-4771  
Bitterroot Public Library, 306 State St., Hamilton, MT 59840-2759, 406-363-1670  
North Valley Public Library, 208 Main St., Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-5061

⇒ **Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:**  
Corvallis K-12 Schools, P. O. Box 700, Corvallis, MT 59828, 406-961-4211  
Darby K-12 Schools, 209 School Drive, Darby, MT 59829, 406-821-3841  
Florence-Carlton K-12 Schools, 5602 Old Highway 93, Florence, MT 59833, 406-273-6751  
Hamilton K-12 Schools, 217 Daly Ave., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-2280  
Lone Rock Elementary, 1112 Three Mile Creek Road, Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-3314  
Stevensville Public Schools, 300 Park St., Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-5481  
Victor K-12 Schools, 425 4th Ave., Victor, MT 59875, 406-642-3551

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Ravalli County Employment By Industry* Annual Averages 2000							
Industry	# of Estab- lish- ments	Average Annual Employ- ment	Annual Wages Paid	Industry	# of Estab- lish- ments	Average Annual Employ- ment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	1,323	9,334	\$208,395,900	Food Stores	26	611	\$9,148,240
PRIVATE BUSINESS	1,259	7,552	\$157,498,717	Auto Dealers-Service Stations	28	228	\$5,068,517
AGRI., FORESTRY, FISH	57	311	\$5,213,462	Furniture Stores	19	84	\$1,461,578
Agri Production/Livestock	11	34	\$587,119	Eating & Drinking	81	678	\$5,796,017
Agriculture Services	31	114	\$1,944,626	Miscellaneous Retail	46	168	\$2,256,768
Forestry	7	30	\$488,390	FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	99	445	\$11,402,785
MINING	3	4	\$142,609	Banking	10	243	\$6,186,658
CONSTRUCTION	229	659	\$15,587,371	Credit Agencies	8	7	\$163,920
Special Trade	134	360	\$7,797,758	Security & Commodity	6	16	\$1,540,557
MANUFACTURING	113	1,129	\$33,360,408	Insurance Agents	18	50	\$1,184,165
Food Products	5	31	\$417,234	Real Estate	45	99	\$1,695,035
Apparel	3	7	\$94,730	SERVICES	381	2,242	\$45,696,603
Lumber	57	727	\$24,265,573	Hotels & Lodging	17	133	\$1,672,678
Printing-Publishing	11	49	\$615,956	Personal Services	19	50	\$733,002
Stone-Clay-Glass	5	40	\$1,120,326	Business Services	61	190	\$3,965,209
Fabricated Metals	6	161	\$4,573,952	Auto Repair Services	24	90	\$1,933,610
Nonelectrical Machinery**	5	12	\$290,677	Miscellaneous Repair Services	19	31	\$567,175
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	6	15	\$331,135	Amusement & Recreation	31	233	\$3,323,585
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	70	345	\$8,413,587	Health Services	51	899	\$20,508,611
Local Transportation	8	65	\$688,835	Legal Services	15	33	\$617,772
Trucking-Warehousing	30	129	\$2,990,397	Educational Services	7	57	\$1,021,935
Air Transportation	6	6	\$194,279	Social Services	27	139	\$1,994,645
Transportation Services	12	46	\$816,420	Membership Organizations	31	134	\$1,234,022
Communication	6	26	\$975,063	Engineering Services	48	167	\$7,321,123
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	8	70	\$2,748,593	Private Households	20	38	\$456,533
WHOLESALE TRADE	58	313	\$9,595,714	NONCLASSIFIABLE	8	12	\$227,356
Durable Goods	39	199	\$7,643,963	GOVERNMENT	64	1,762	\$50,897,163
Nondurable Goods	19	114	\$1,851,761	State	10	72	\$2,070,782
RETAIL TRADE	238	2,086	\$28,058,822	Local	33	1,222	\$27,236,471
Building Materials-Garden	23	167	\$3,116,875	Federal	21	487	\$21,589,930

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)  
\*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance.  
\*\*Industrial & Commercial Machinery & Computer Equipment.

Per Capita Personal Income

	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1980	1970
U.S.	\$29,469	\$27,843	\$26,893	\$25,412	\$24,270	\$23,255	\$22,340	\$21,539	\$20,962	\$20,023	\$19,572	\$10,183	\$4,099
Montana	\$22,518	\$21,490	\$21,225	\$19,920	\$19,173	\$18,592	\$17,995	\$17,968	\$17,045	\$16,471	\$15,516	\$9,143	\$3,629
% of National Average	76%	77%	79%	78%	79%	80%	81%	83%	81%	82%	79%	90%	89%
Ravalli County	\$18,959	\$18,145	\$17,977	\$16,940	\$16,462	\$16,036	\$15,865	\$15,682	\$15,121	\$14,370	\$13,660	\$7,907	\$3,029
% of National Average	64%	65%	67%	67%	68%	69%	71%	73%	72%	72%	70%	74%	74%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 2002.

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School Age		White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
		Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11		3,440	1,669	12	5	29	20	20	11	15	8	81	41	105	54
12-14		1,671	788	3	2	15	8	9	5	10	5	35	20	48	21
15-17		1,722	804	1	0	25	16	6	3	16	6	48	26	65	31
18-21		1,339	589	7	2	29	9	5	1	15	11	39	19	45	24
Total		8,172	3,850	23	9	98	53	40	20	58	30	203	106	263	130
Working & Voting Age		White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
		Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+		27,214	13,849	29	8	254	127	98	60	122	67	353	197	433	244
16-64		21,703	10,923	26	6	232	112	81	48	116	64	323	182	404	228
18+		26,052	13,313	28	8	240	117	95	60	108	62	316	177	387	223
18-64		20,541	10,387	25	6	218	102	78	48	102	59	286	162	358	207
Other Age Group		White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
		Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4		1,998	952	5	2	10	5	13	6	9	5	38	16	73	38
5-17		6,833	3,261	16	7	69	44	35	19	41	19	164	87	218	106
18-44		10,694	5,410	16	4	136	58	53	33	70	41	164	101	246	146
45-64		9,847	4,977	9	2	82	44	25	15	32	18	122	61	112	61
65+		5,511	2,926	3	2	22	15	17	12	6	3	30	15	29	16
Total		34,883	17,526	49	17	319	166	143	85	158	88	518	280	678	367
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1) 100-Percent Data															
Compiled by: Census & Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, September 2001															

Ravalli County			
County of Residence	# Who Work in Ravalli County	County of Work	# Who Live in Ravalli County
Out of State	23	Out of State	169
Deer Lodge County	14	Cascade County	11
Flathead County	17	Flathead County	20
Missoula County	263	Lake County	13
Ravalli County	7,933	Lewis & Clark County	11
Yellowstone County	10	Missoula County	1,604
Other Montana Counties	30	Ravalli County	7,933
		Other Montana Counties	52

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.